

## BOGEY OF FREE SUGAR BURIED; EXCISE UNLIKELY

So Washington Representative of Cane Growers Sizes Up Situation

That strong opposition exists in both branches of Congress over the proposal—said to be backed by the refining interests—for a consumption or excise tax on sugar, is emphasized in a circular letter received in this morning's mail by Paul J. Christian, representative and publicity man in Washington for the American Cane Growers Association.

The letter, which will be of interest to Hawaii, says:

"I am enclosing a copy of the bill introduced yesterday by Mr. Kitchin, the Democratic leader in the House, to repeal the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff law.

"The Democratic leader decided to make the intention of Congress upon the subject of this legislation so plain that there could be no room for misunderstanding. Therefore he used the word 'repealed.' This buries the free sugar bogey for a long time to come.

"As originally drafted by the friends of the domestic sugar industry, the word 'suspended' was substituted for 'repealed.' It was thought that this word would not be so offensive to the men who were responsible for writing the free sugar clause into the present tariff law.

"On the other hand, it has been feared that the same influences which built up the sentiment for free sugar would renew their efforts as soon as

normal trade conditions returned following peace in Europe, and that the use of 'suspended' instead of 'repealed' would be an invitation to these men to point to the fact that the suspension had simply been a temporary act of expediency to help the treasury.

"Therefore the proposed unqualified repeal is hailed with much satisfaction by the friends of the domestic sugar industry.

"As was stated in the letter sent out from this office under date of February 12th, the postoffice appropriation bill is now being considered by the house, and it is not likely that the repeal of the free sugar clause will be taken up until that is disposed of. In well informed circles it is expected that the bill introduced yesterday by Mr. Kitchin will be reached in about two weeks, and that it will be passed without much trouble or delay.

"While the refiners are seeking to have Mr. Kitchin's bill amended when it reaches the senate by adding the consumption tax feature of one-half cent a pound upon all domestic sugar, yet, it is not likely that this effort will be successful.

"The refiners are said to be preparing to renew their fight for the imposition of a consumption tax later in the session when the bills for raising additional revenues are reported to the house. There is strong opposition in both branches of Congress, however, to the inauguration of such a revolutionary method of raising revenue."

### PREACHER CANT GET LIQUOR

OLYMPIA, Wash.—A clergyman is not entitled to more liquor than another individual, even though he desires it for sacramental purposes, Attorney General Tanner ruled in answer to a question by the prosecuting attorney of Lewis county.

After long experiments hops are being grown successfully in Italy, which heretofore has imported several hundred thousand pounds each year.

## MARSHAL HOLDS UP WARRANTS IN WAR PLOT CASE

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ber of people have been sent out of Honolulu for the purpose of enlistment."

Jefferson probably will be called as a witness at the commissioner's hearing tomorrow. It is understood now that he will be the principal witness for the government in case the matter goes to trial. Although released on his own recognizance, he could not be found today. He was to call at the federal building this morning, but, up to press time, had not done so.

### HELPS ALONG THE WAY.

Colored linens are so fashionable that it is well to know that delicate shades may be kept from fading by using plenty of pulverized pure borax in the water in which they are washed and rinsed.

A weak solution of alum will revive the colors of a faded carpet after a thorough sweeping.

A piece of lace or net starched and put under a hole in a lace curtain, then pressed smooth with a warm iron, will scarcely be visible.

Clean your sewing machine frequently if you would have good service. Kerosene oil and absorbent cotton are admirable for the purpose; follow with a good lubricator.

White vaseline is a good dressing for russet or patent leather; polish with absorbent cotton after applying it with the finger tips.

A small piece of gum camphor in a vase of water will keep cut flowers fresh a long time.

## QUARRY SAVING CITY'S MONEY, IS COLLINS' CLAIM

Engineer Declares Rock Has Been Produced Cheaper Than It Can Be Purchased

Rock is being produced by the city at less cost than it could buy it, according to a report submitted by George M. Collins, city engineer, at last night's meeting of the supervisors. His report, covering the period from January 1 to February 29, contains one important qualification, "if the yardage as reported is correct."

Notwithstanding the paper profit on the operation of the municipal quarry, it will be closed tomorrow, as the greater part of the rock produced is being stored. "The money could be used for more important purposes," declares Collins, speaking of the \$800 tied up in stored rock. "The quarry will be closed March 1, as the city has no use for the amount of rock produced as long as \$6000 a month is all the road department has to run on."

During January there were 1343 cubic yards of rock produced at the quarry, according to Collins' figures, at a cost of \$1401.80. The average price of all grades was \$1.04 a cubic yard. The lowest bids in the possession of the city purchasing agent gave an average price of \$1.05. Only 743 yards were used by the city during the month, costing \$817.82; and rock to the value of \$584 was stored.

From February 1 to 20 849 yards were quarried at a cost of \$927.04, or an average of \$1.09. It would have cost \$952.05, or \$1.12 a yard, to buy at contract prices. There were 801½ yards used and \$255.39 worth stored.

Today is the last day the quarry will be in operation. Mayor Lane was ordered by the board to conduct negotiations for the renewal of the lease in case it is found profitable to resume operation after July 1.

The city engineer has promised to have plans for the efficient running of the quarry on an up to date basis ready for the consideration of the board by that date.

## MARTIAL LAW IN SHANTUNG; MANY JOINING REBELS

(Special Cable to Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 29.—Martial law has been declared in Shantung province. Several civilians in sympathy with the Republicans were apprehended today by Chan Wan Fung and accused of influencing citizens of Tsinan to join the revolutionary movement. Several have been sentenced to be shot.

Two prefects, Low Chow and Tung Chow, have welcomed the rebels and have begun a war on Yuan Shih-Kai's troops stationed in and around Tsinan. The governor-general will not allow any of the residents to leave the city, and excitement in Tsinan is at fever heat. Soldiers of the monarchy have gone over to the revolutionary party, and Chan Wan Fung has wired Peking for reinforcements.

Republican sympathizers in this province have raised \$200,000 to carry on the campaign against Tsinan, and it is expected that a fierce battle will be waged in this vicinity. The capture of this city will give the republicans a stronghold on the road from Peking to Shanghai.

Sentiment has destroyed the worth of Yuan Shih-Kai's eighteenth division. Fung Duck was in command of this division during the first revolution, and when the soldiers heard that their old commander was to make an attack, leading the revolutionary troops, hundreds of them announced that they would cast their lot with the republic. The republican troops are now making an attack on Hang Yang.

A late report states that two prefects in Hunan have welcomed the republican troops, but this has not yet been verified.

### CROWN PRINCE GETS TWO NEW RANKS NEXT AUTUMN

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 29.—Crown Prince Hirohito has been promoted to a first lieutenant in the navy and a captaincy in the army. He will receive his new rank on October 30, which is Emperor Yoshihito's birthday.

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## HEAD OF MORMON CHURCH HERE ON SEVENTH VISIT

Joseph F. Smith Arrives, Accompanied by Wife, Daughter, Bishop and Mrs. Nibley



President Smith arrived on the Matsonia today, accompanied by his wife and daughter and Bishop and Mrs. Nibley of Salt Lake City.

LUTHER PITTINGER, advertising man of San Francisco, arrived on the Matsonia today to join the advertising staff of the Star-Bulletin.

The altar society of the Church of the Sacred Hearts of Punahou will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the church.

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